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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/465,436
<i>Filing Date</i>	December 16, 1999
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2172
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	NTK-005.01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a.  Previously submitted
    - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.118 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Response
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv.  Other Form PTO-1449 and Request for One Month Extension of Time
2. Miscellaneous
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following account or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference NTK-005.01
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
  - c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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